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SUBJECT: TAKO SUZUKI

SUMMARY: REQUESTS FURTHER COMPENSATORY ACTION RE SUITCASE THEFT
DURING JW-56 TOUR. END SUMMARY.

JWAUAEYR RE WJ-7-136. WE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF RECOVERED ITEMS,
BUT ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT FILMS AND OTHER VALUABLES ARE
NOT AMONG THEM. THE LETTER OF REGRET IS MUCH APPRECIATED, ALTHOUGH
IT IS BETTER TO ROUTE SUCH CORRESPONDENCE THROUGH USTS/FEC RATHER
THAN DIRECT TO THE JOURNALIST. AS OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE TOUR,
USTS IS, IN JAPANESE CUSTOM AND ETHIC, FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS SUFFERED BY THEME TOUR PARTICIPANTS THROUGH
NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. MR. SUZUKI WAS TRAVELING BY INVITATION
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND EXPECTED HIMSELF AND HIS
BELONGING TO BE PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY. HE WAS NOT VISITING THE
USA ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE BUT AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF OUR GOVERN-
MENT. ACCORDINGLY WE MUST WORK OUT SOME MEANS OF OFFERING
COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF HIS BELONGINGS, PARTICULARLY THE
FILMS, THE LOSS OF WHICH IMPAIRED HIS PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENT AND
THUS INFLECTED DAMAGE ON HIS COMPANY AS WELL AS HIMSELF.
IF THEFT OCCURRED ON MOTEL PREMISES WHILE BAGGAGE WAS BEING
HELD BY MOTEL PERSONNEL FOR TRANSPORT TO GUEST ROOMS, COULDN'T
THE MOTEL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE? WAS THERE NO INSURANCE FOR
JOURNALISTS COVERING THEFT, MEDICAL OR OTHER DAMAGES? IS THERE
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ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION?
PLS INVESTIGATE EVERY POSSIBILITY AND ADVISE SOONEST.

THIS CASE BEING A GOOD LESSON TO US, WE SHOULD SERIOUSLY THINK
ABOUT OBTAINING COMPLETE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EVERY JOUR-
NALIST WHO PARTICIPATES IN USTS-SPONSORED TOURS IF NOT ALREADY
DONE SO. CAN YOU DO IT ON A GROUP BASIS, OR SHOULD WE

INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY LOCALLY? PLS ADVISE.
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